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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1564

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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DEPT PASS TO AMB GRAHAM

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SUBJECT: NEW FORMIN GENERAL SECRETARY APPOINTED

1. GOUV COUNCIL MINISTERS, MAY 19 APPROVED APPOINTMENT
MICHAEL COMPAORE AS FOREIGN MINISTRY'S GENERAL SECRETARY.
 2. COMPAORE CURRENTLY SERVING AS VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY
COAST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OR IMPRESSIONS
THAT AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING HIM.
 3. GENERAL SECRETARY POST QUITE IMPORTANT AND PRESTIGIOUS.
SUBSTANTIAL PLOTTING IN-FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED DURING PAST
SEVERAL MONTHS WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY AMONG PERSONNEL VYING
FOR POSITION.
- AMBASSADOR COMPAORE'S APPOINTMENT CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE,
AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KABORE IS
DEFINITELY PUTTING HIS OWN STAMP ON MINISTRY AFFAIRS.

4. ALTHOUGH SOME VOLTAN OFFICIALS CONSIDER APPOINTMENT
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DEMOTION FOR COMPAORE, L'OBSERVATEUR OF MAY 20 COMMENTED

"...IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES THIS IS THE GOLDEN POST TO WHICH EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS RETURN NEAR THE END OF THEIR CAREER AS A REWARD FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE; ATTAINED BY ONLY SENIOR AND SEASONED IPLOMATS. WE ARE OF COURSE UNABLE TO ANALYSE THE PROMOTION OF AMBASSADOR COMPAORE TO THIS POST SOLELY FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW. NEVERTHELESS THE GENERAL SECRETARY HAS ALL AMBASSADORS UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATIVE TUTELAGE; THIS NOMINATION ESTABLISHES A CERTAIN EQUILIBRIUM AND PERHAPS INAUGURATES A TRADITION."

5. RUMOR HAS IT THAT THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY VOLTAN AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES TO COME.
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